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SUBJ: PRESIDENT KAUNDA HONORS SEAN MCBRIDE

1. PRESIDENT KAUNDA HONORED OUTGOING UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA MCBRIDE AT A LUNCHEON DEC 12, PRAISING HIM FOR HIS FIGHT AGAINST OPPRESSION, IMPERIALISM AND COLONIALISM. "WE ALL KNOW THE CONTRIBUTION MR. MCBRIDE HAS MADE TO THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE.....HE HAS DONE A LOT FOR MANKIND IN THE STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS." THE PRESIDENT ADDED THAT NAMIBIANS SHOULD FORGIVE THEIR COLONIAL MASTERS WHEN SWAPO LEADS NAMIBIA TO INDEPENDENCE.

2. IN REPLY, MCBRIDE SAID THAT THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE AND SWAPO HAVE SHOWN TREMENDOUS PATIENCE, BUT THE TIME FOR PATIENCE IS GONE. "THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT TO BE TREATED AS SLAVES." "HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE STUPIDITY OF CERTAIN COUNTRIES WHO CONTINUE TO RENDER SUPPORT TO SOUTH AFRICA, NAMIBIA WOULD BE INDEPENDENT BY NOW." IF SOUTH AFRICA BELIEVED IT COULD SET UP A PUPPET REGIME IN NAMIBIA, IT WAS RIDING ON A FALSE HOPE. NAMIBIANS WERE DETERMINED TO BE REPRESENTED BY LEADERS CHOSEN THROUGH FREE ELECTIONS. THEY WERE DETERMINED TO BE FREE, AND THIS WOULD BE ACHIEVED EITHER BY THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE UNANIMOUS
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